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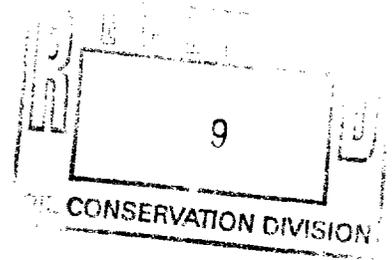
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William J. LeMay, Director
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2040 South Pacheco Street
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11563:
Application of Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C. for compulsory
pooling, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Nearburg Exploration Company, L.L.C., respectfully requests that this matter which is currently set on the Division docket for the July 11, 1996 hearings be continued to the July 25, 1996 Examiner docket.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM F. CARR

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cc: Mr. Mike Gray
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